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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 August 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 August 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. This action is responsive to application 09/943563 filed on August 30th 2001. Claims 1-11 are presented for examination.

Specification

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Apfel et al. (US 5974454), hereinafter, *Apfel et al.*.

Claim 1

Apfel et al. teach an integrated data processing system (e.g., see FIG.2, FIG.3, FIG.4A, FIG.4B & associated text) for managing a process (i.e., method) of delivery of software products (e.g., see Abstract) to target software product execution units (e.g., see personal computer 20 FIG.1 & associated text; see personal computer 20, end-user station 88a FIG.2 & associated text; see end-user stations col.6:3-17) in a network environment (e.g., see Internet 60 FIG.2 & associated text; see personal computer 20, remote computers 49 col.4:60-5:5), comprising:

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- a central repository for storing software components at least one software product (e.g., see *PACKAGE SERVER 80b* FIG.2 & associated text; see *repositories* col.5:62-65; col.6:20-26);
- a first sub-system for identifying within the central repository software components of software product to be delivered (i.e., first sub-system manages storage in the central repository of the software components software product to be delivered) (e.g., see *query 100* FIG.3 & associated text; see *database query, database lookup* col.2:36-45; col.6:45-59; see *upgrade* col.7:13-20);
- a second sub-system for creating at least one software product package from the identified software components identified by the first sub-system (e.g., col.9:35-41), and
- a third sub-system for distributing the least one software product package created by the second sub-system to the target software product execution units and installing the software product package thereon (e.g., see 115 FIG.3 & associated text; see FIG.4A, FIG.4B & associated text; see Abstract; col.1:6-13).

Claim 2

The rejection of base claim 1 is incorporated. *Apfel et al.* further teach a **software package distribution repository** for storing the at least one software product package created by the second sub-system from the identified software components (e.g., see *PACKAGE SERVER 80b* FIG.2 & associated text; col.5:20-27).

Claim 3

The rejection of base claim 1 is incorporated. *Apfel et al.* further teach the **third sub-system** distributes the at least one software product package to target software product execution units belonging to at least one environment according at least one role assigned the least one software product package by the second sub-system (e.g., see *configuration of computer 20, different upgrade package* col.6:65-67; *type of operating system, upgrade package URL, query* col.8:52-9:5; col.9:35-42).

Claim 4

The rejection of base claim 1 is incorporated. Claim recites limitations, which have been addressed in claim 1, therefore, is rejected for the same reasons as cited in claim 1.

Claim 5

The rejection of base claim 1 is incorporated. *Apfel et al.* further teach a fourth sub-system for performing a building process of software code components among the identified software components of the software product be delivered, the fourth sub-system storing result of building process in the central repository (i.e., building identified source code components of the software product delivered stored the central repository, and storing the result the building the central repository) (e.g., col.9:35-41; see step 451 FIG.4B & associated text; see executable upgrade package col.10:61-63).

Claim 6

The rejection of base claim 1 is incorporated. *Apfel et al.* further teach a fifth sub-system managing a process applying changes an already delivered software product (e.g., see upgrade package col.2:52-57; see step 454 FIG.4B & associated text; see upgraded versions col.5:20-27; see 115 FIG.3 & associated text; col.7:55-col.8:6).

Claim 7

The rejection of base claim 1 is incorporated. *Apfel et al.* further teach a sixth sub-system for recording information provided by at least one of the first through fifth sub-systems the integrated data processing system during delivery of the software product (e.g., see steps 421, 430, 431 FIG.4A & associated text; see error message col.9:15-20; see "NOUPDATE" message col.9:42-48).

Claim 8

Claim recites a method for delivering software products to target software product execution units in a network environment as have been addressed in claim 1, therefore, is rejected for the same reasons as cited in claim 1.

Claim 9

The rejection of base claim 8 is incorporated. Claim recites limitations, which have been addressed in claim 3, therefore, is rejected for the same reasons as cited in claim 3.

Claim 10

The rejection of base claim 8 is incorporated. Claim recites limitations, which have been addressed in claim 2, therefore, is rejected for the same reasons as cited in claim 2.

Claim 11

The rejection of base claim 10 is incorporated. Claim recites limitations, which have been addressed in claim 5, therefore, is rejected for the same reasons as cited in claim 5.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:
 - o Method and system for providing automated updating and upgrading of antivirus applications using a computer network, Hodges et al. (US 6269456)
 - o Method and apparatus for software maintenance at remote nodes, Albright et al. (US 6110228)

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chrystine Pham whose telephone number is 571.212.3702. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q Dam can be reached on 571.272.3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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